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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Frank Kirkland Appointed Director of Maryland's
Developmental Disabilities Administration
Experienced Leader Who Emphasizes Independence and Employment
New Location for "Meet and Greet" August 9, 2-4 p.m. in Hanover**

BALTIMORE, MD (August 5, 2011) - The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recently announced the appointment of Frank W. Kirkland as the Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration. Mr. Kirkland began on Monday, August 1.

Mr. Kirkland has 20 years of broad experience in the field of developmental disabilities including leadership of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in the State of West Virginia from 1999 to 2008. Most recently, he has served as the Assistant Director for Individualized Services for the Division of Developmental Disabilities with the New Jersey Department of Human Services from 2009 to 2011. During his tenure in New Jersey, he led the Department's efforts in the implementation of self-directed services and had oversight for all day and employment services.

Mr. Kirkland has been active with the National Association of Developmental Disabilities Directors and is knowledgeable about national policy on developmental disabilities.

"We look forward to the array of experience Mr. Kirkland brings to the Department," said Dr. Joshua M. Sharfstein, Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. "His leadership will be an asset to the people we serve."

"Mr. Kirkland's track record of support for independence and employment impressed the search committee," said Renata J. Henry, Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health and Disabilities. "His history of building coalitions with self-advocates, families, service providers, and policymakers will be valuable as DDA moves forward."

"Mr. Kirkland will be a terrific partner as agencies work together to support individuals with disabilities," said Cathy Raggio, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Disabilities and a member of the search committee.

"I am both excited and honored to be appointed as Director of the Developmental Disabilities Administration," Mr. Kirkland said. "Maryland is positioned to become a national leader in supporting individuals with developmental disabilities and their families."

DHMH, the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council and Maryland Association of Community Services (MAC) will host a “meet and greet” with Mr. Kirkland on Tuesday, August 9 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The location is the **MD Department of Transportation Headquarters at 7201 Corporate Center Drive, Hanover, MD 21076.*** People with developmental disabilities, parents, providers, advocates and other stakeholders are welcome and encouraged to visit.

***This is a revised location due to overwhelming interest.**

LOCATION AND DIRECTIONS:

***Maryland Department of Transportation
Headquarters
7201 Corporate Center Drive
Hanover MD 21076***

410-865-1000; Toll Free 1-888-713-1414

From the South

From I-97 take MD 100 West to MD 170 North. Take MD 170 North to Stoney Run. Take the ramp that veers to the right. Make a left at the top of the ramp and cross over MD 170. Proceed to the next light this will be the New Ridge Road intersection, turn right Corporate Center Drive begins. MDOT Headquarters is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on the right side of the road. Visitor parking is to the left.

From the North

From I-95 or BW Parkway take I-195 to MD 170 South to Stoney Run. Turn left at the light. Make a left at the top of the ramp and cross over MD 170. Proceed to the next light this will be the New Ridge Road intersection, turn right Corporate Center Drive begins. MDOT Headquarters is $\frac{3}{4}$ mile on the right side of the road. Visitor parking is to the left.

Marc Train Service

Ride the Marc Penn Line Train from both the South and North and exit at the BWI Marc Train Station. When you exit the train follow directions to the crossover (tracks) and you will find an exit door on the second floor leading to a pedestrian bridge. This pedestrian bridge will carry you (1600 ft.) to MDOT

Light Rail Service

Ride the light rail from the North to the BWI Airport Station. There is shuttle service from the BWI Airport to BWI Marc Train Station. Take the crossover (tracks) and on the second floor there is an exit to the Pedestrian Bridge for MDOT. This pedestrian bridge will carry you (1600 ft.) to MDOT